Concord -

20th Aug. 1892.

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

I delayed answering your note until I could make a comparison of the Crow fragments with specimens in my collection. This was done yesterday with the result that Mr. Denton and I are both satisfied that your bird is merely a small specimen of the Common Crow. I have returned the fragments.

Your experience with the Olivaceous Flycatchers is certainly most interesting.

and next year if we are both
alive and well I hope to
take advantage of your kind
invitation to hunt for their
nests with you.

Sincerely
William Brewster.

Did you find the
Heath-hens on the Vineyard?

Cambridge -

Dec. 17. 1892

Dear Mr. Banyo

Just something
may prevent you coming
to the N. O. C. meeting
on Monday night I
am writing just a line
to tell you that those
Partridges from Digby
are very peculiarly coloured
birds & quite different
from anything that I
have ever seen before.
Cannot you get your
friend at Digby to
send me half a dozen
or more for skinning.
I will gladly pay all

accessory of some kind of whatever kind. If more specimens bear out the differences which I note in these skins I think the form will deserve separation & a name. I wrote to a correspondent at Halifax last week urging him to get me some birds from that locality & he at once sent me the only skin he had & promised to forward four or five more within a week or two. If you can get more from Digby I should have enough material enough to do something. Your Rail seems to be Stolidus but it is certainly peculiar & I

cannot watch it very closely.

Yours sincerely

William Brewster.

I hope you will also get some shares of those pale Conn. Partridges.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge.

Sept. 11-1893.

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

This is my first opportunity to look up the records of the breeding of the Barn-owl in Mass. which I have done with some care. The references are enclosed herewith. In addition I would recommend you to consult an article by Mr. Egbert Bagg in O. & O. (Vol. XII, No 4, p. 57) describing the finding of four nests in New York. It is the best account I have seen. Three of Mr. Bagg's nests contained seven eggs each, showing that your set was not exceptionally large.

Sincerely

Arthur Brewster.

O & O. Vol XIV Oct. 1889 pp. 155-156

Nest 4 eggs, well advanced in incubation,
taken at Dunstable, Mass. by C. W. Swallow.
May 1-1884

Deane, R. Probable Breeding of the Acadian Owl (Nyctale acadica) in Mass. / Bull. N.O.C. Vol 2, July 1877 p. 84

Three specimens in first plumage, one taken Newton Mass June 28, 1876, one at Hingham July 5th 1876 one July 8, 1876

Breeding of the Acadian Owl in Eastern Massachusetts Bull. N. O. C. Vol VI, July 1881 p. 185

Nest with 5 young found June 4, 1880 at Braintree Mass by H. A. Johnson.

Breeding of the Acadian Owl (Nyctala acadica) in Man. Bull N. O.C. VI, July 1881 pp. 143-145

Account by W. Brewster of visit to Eggs taken at Lyndora Man, April 5, 1881
by W. H. Perham
Bull Jan. 1882 p. 23-25. Additional notes on nesting at Lyndora by W. B. Perham found 7 nests in all.

Warren, N. H.

June 24. 1894.

Dear Mr. Burroughs

Your just work here is over and I have now something to tell you for we have explored Mossilauke pretty thoroughly. Its bird fauna and flora are thickly connection with about all the birds one finds in any part of the White Hills. excepting the Mourning & Bay breasted Warblers which seem to

To-day I pleasant additions are at the Mersier Mountain House, Warren, N. H. I shall now have until the end of the week and of the vacation to Cambridge

Sincerely Yours. William Brewster.

be present & the Olivaceous Flycatcher is also apparently absent.

Bicknell's Thrushes are singularly abundant on the upper parts of the mountains but we have had tough luck with their nests for we have found only one this year's one which I took yesterday with a beautiful set of three fresh eggs & the parent bird. Why we cannot find more is a mystery for the birds simply swarm and wherever they are settled we find

plenty of old nests. They are, indeed, as conspicuous as Robins' nests & are often built in little spruces or firs on the sides of the paths.

Yesterday I took a beautiful nest & set of four eggs of the Black-poll warbler the first I have ever found.

Batchelder came here with us and left yesterday. He has been working about sixty traps most of them above timber line on the mountains. Blarina is evidently the most abundant mammal there. Evotomys & Arvicola are also common. The former are all very pale beneath & on the sides & very light (yellowish) red above. Arvicola has no marked trace of yellow chalks & we consider this form to be probably riparia. White-footed mice are scarce. Zapus insignis is common in the valley along brooks. Neosorex we have not yet seen.

Did you know that Dwight has been on Sable Island since May? Jayne heard of it from Chapman the other day. I thought this knowledge might offset your losses. He understands that D. took a lot of traps & that he has been collecting mammals as well as birds.

If you write (as I hope you will find time

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dec. 13th 1894

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

I have had a talk with Mr. Agassiz about giving you a place for your mammal collection and he is much pleased at the idea. Cannot you come at some day (or evening) and discuss the matter with me?

Sincerely
William Brewster

I am engaged for Sunday & Monday next

145 BRATTLE STREET,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

June 11th, 1895.

Dear Mr. Bangs.—

I got back from Warren, N. H., on the evening of the 7th and since then have been very busy developing photographs, answering letters etc. I suppose I ought to have written to you at once asking if you wished me to come to Wareham for a few days as you suggested when I last saw you but I kept expecting to hear from you about it. I can go any day this week if you wish to have me but I shall have to be back here on the evening of the 17th at latest. If it will not be

convenient for you to have me
Come to Wareham I should still
very much like to go to that
Heronry again with you and will
take any train or any day that
you may select. Perhaps it will
be best to telegraph me as the
time is so big now.

I had bad luck at Monomoy.
It rained or blew hard most of
the time & the birds were so
late about breeding that we found
practically no nests & I got no
photographs worth much.

Sincerely
William Brewster.

Did you get the package
of photos I sent you — of the
Heronry & Tern marsh?

145 BRATTLE STREET,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

June 14th 1875.
(2.15 P.M.)

Mr. Bangs:-

Your letter came about twenty minutes ago and I have just sent a telegram in reply saying that I cannot visit you this week. I am dreadfully sorry but not getting any reply to the letter which I sent you early in the week I concluded that you were either ill or had gone away. Just as I had become convinced of this an invitation came from Cozy to spend Sunday at Great Island and as I have had about enough of Cambridge I accepted it very gladly agreeing to go down on the afternoon train. Saturday.

Had your letter arrived this morning as it should have done I should have taken the Dover train this afternoon and spent to-night and to-morrow forenoon with you but not expecting it I made arrangements to set out a lot of plants late this afternoon and as they have just come I cannot leave them without losing them. I fear I have put you to a great deal of trouble but I certainly did not mean to.

What you say about the Hermits is very sad. Did I tell you that they ate also my scarce annual, the White Monarchs! Fully ninety per. cent of them. The Winter Wrens, Yellow-rumps, Juncos and White-throated Sparrows have also decreased to nearly the same extent. In fact I think the Yellow rumps have suffered even more.

Sincerely
William Brewster.

145 BRATTLE STREET,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

July 3rd, 1895.

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

Thank you very much for asking Chapman & me to ~~visit~~ you at Narragansett next week, ~~but~~ I should have been glad to do it but the Mustagot trip has been carried out but I have had to abandon it. I have been half sick for the last two weeks & Dr. Walcott has just ordered me to go to some elevated place among the mountains. He says I have neuralgia & malaria combined and that for the present it would not do for me to visit the sea coast although he thinks I should be well enough to do so by August. Perhaps I can make you a little visit

then if you would like me
to. I shall be at Falmouth
if I can & can run up anytime
to Wareham. I shall probably
go to Warren, N. H. on Friday
of this week.

Sincerely
William Bennett

My address will be Jno Amos L. Merrill,
Berry Hill, Warren, N. H.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

August 9th 1885.

Dear Mrs. Boggs.

At the last moment, as I was about to start for Warren, N.H., circumstances arose which made me anxious to go to Falmouth instead. Dr. Holcott concurred with great reluctance to this change of plans and said that it was a dangerous experiment. He was right for the Falmouth climate laid me out as soon as I got there and I spent most of the next month on my back. I got well enough to return to Cambridge last Monday & am now feeling quite myself again. I shall probably have to go back to Falmouth next week to get together the numerous things I left there but I shall not stay to stop more than a few days and shall start for Bethlehem

about the 24th of the month.
I fear, therefore, that I shall have
to omit the pleasure of making
you a visit at Wareham but
I trust that next year you
will renew your invitation &
that I shall be able to accept it.
I read your last paper on
the new mammals & names with
great interest & thank you very
much for sending it.

Sincerely
William Brewster.

Can I do anything for you
at Cambridge?

Pine Point, Co. Cumberland.
May 29th, 1886.

Dear Mr. Boyd:-

I have made inquiries about Comrade Ferguson but his own home seems so much as a track last winter & I fear they have left this country altogether.

My guide, Jim Bernier, is anxious to know if you received a lot of mounted skins which he sent you late in March or early in April. He has written twice, he says, but has not yet heard from you about them and fears that they may not have reached you. They were sent by express to your Boston address. If you have not received them he will have the boys traced from this end. Then

was an Otter among them I believe.
I have told him that probably you
have been too busy since you return to
write but the poor fellow is anxious
to know that you have the skins.
He is in no hurry, whatever, to receive
the money for them.
I am finding some good nests &
making a set of photographs of
sitting birds.

Friendly
William Brewster

If you write to me please
address me at Bethlehem, Coos Co.,
New Hampshire.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Nov. 29th 1896.

Dear Mr. Borys:-

The story about the Canada Lynxes came to me second hand but I believe it to be true. The man who saw them tracks in such abundance in Aroostook Co. last year is Alva Coolidge of Upton, Maine. I should advise you to write to him before telling any deputies stops. Perhaps he would go after them for you. He is a very good trapper but Will Sargent would be a better man to send for he understands making scientific skins & Coolidge would have to skin his "cats" in the flesh.

My time is pretty fairly occupied at present but I am usually always at home then, I am nearly always at home then, and I should be glad to see you and have a good long talk any

evening that you may select. Do
Come out soon.

Sincerely
Katharine Burnett.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

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February 1st, 1898.

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

I am sorry to say that I can tell you almost nothing about the Flicker Beyond what you have on the label. I bought it, with a collection of about 25-00 birds (mostly from Colo. & Arizona), of W. W. Price but he was certainly not the collector. The skin is numbered 41835 in my catalogue.

Sincerely
William Brewster.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

February 7th, 1898.

Dear Mr. Briggs:-

I am writing an account of the extinction of the Heath Hen & its causes, not for present publication but simply as a record to file among my notes and I wish to include a brief statement of the attempt that was made a few years ago to trap some of the birds for breeding purposes. I enclose a draft of the story as I remember it. Will you please look it over & if it is correct & will you also please fill in the dates?

Very sincerely
Wilmon Brewster.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

February 9th, 1898.

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

I think you would be unwise not to throw my Fletcher overboard and to take one of your bowling birds in its place. It is, as you say, most important to have the type above criticism in every way. You have really made me so trouble with mentioning a cat boat name that was not fully offset by the pleasure of seeing you and the interest of following your investigations. The expression "half hearted" was not intended to apply to you but to the Fish & Game Commissioners. You would have

Re re. reading your notes I notice that you do not give when you received my letter. I thought it was Tuesday but I remember very much when it came to hand. If you can supply

Seen this if I had sent you
the whole text. I have put
the blame of the extinction of the
Heath Hen squarely on their shoulders
& I think it belongs there.
The attempt to trap the birds was,
as I understand it, decidedly
"half-hearted" on their part.
They should have backed you &
your men with the whole authority
of the State and they should
have made an example of the
gunners who shot your banded
birds instead of allowing them
— as I hear from one or two
sides was the case — to openly
exult over your discomfiture.
I never believed in the wisdom
of trapping the birds at all
but if it was to be attempted
it should have been more
strongly backed. Thank you
very much for your directions
as to the placement of the
number of birds banded etc.

Very sincerely
Wilbur Burdick

Bath Hill,
Cromwell,
May 1st 1888.

Dear Mr. Bonzi:—

I have so much property, either my own or belonging to my father's estate, in Boston & Cambridge that until this war scare is over I feel that I ought to keep within easy reach of our Boston office. Of course I do not seriously fear that the Spaniards will attack Boston but until their fleet is accounted for I do not like to go so far away as Bermuda even. On this account I fear I shall have to decline going to the West with you much as I should like to do so but

if the Court of King's Bench
in the case the men may be
practically settled 'em there. But
do not count on me in any
case for I am likely to
have an attack of malaria
& to have to go north.
I should go to Cambridge a week
from to-morrow to spend a
week at home. If you do
not come Boston before then
come out & we can talk
the matter over.

Sincerely,
William Brewster.

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Bath Hill,

May 4th 1898.

Dear Mr. Bangs:—

I cannot well tell now what disposal I shall make of my time after returning to Cambridge & I am not sufficiently sure of returning the first of the week to be able to promise to be there on any particular day. I shall probably go down late Monday afternoon but much depends on the progress made with the work that I am doing here. I have six or seven men employed building a new camp, driving a well etc

r of course they have to
be looked after. I expect
them to finish by Saturday
but there is nothing
certain about it..
Under these conditions
I should really prefer to
have you take your chances
of finding me. I am at
home I will see you in
any case. Better come
out about Thursday or
Friday.

Sincerely
William Beebe

Concord,
May 11th, 1898.

Dear Mr. Boyesen:-

The work here has dragged so that I find I shall not be able to return to Cambridge before Saturday night. I hope this will reach you in time to forward a further trip to Cambridge to-morrow. Come out early next week if you can.

Sincerely
William Brownell.

Concord.

October 27th 1888

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

Thank you for telling me how the status of affairs with respect to your gardens. It is, of course, useless for me to consider him further.

I should very much like to be on tropical Coast & will take advantage of my first opportunity to do so.

The A. O. U. Committee on Class. & Nom. will meet next month at Washington just after the session meeting of the Union. I trust you will be able to

either books or boards on the
types of your new N. A. bridge
— any additional material
that may aid the Committee
in their consideration of these
forms. We are making a special
effort to get all such material
that can be obtained.

Very sincerely
William Starr.

45 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

January 17th, 1888.

Dear Mrs. Burgs:—

I delayed answering your letter about Mrs. Scribner in the hope that I should see you at the U. O. C. meeting and have a chance to talk the matter over with you; but the evening was so rainy and my cough so troublesome that at the last moment I decided not to venture out. I have been suffering for several weeks with a bronchial trouble which the doctor says I must look after carefully which seems to be largely based to throat [illegible].

Now about sending Mrs. Scribner a Canadian Partridge. I would prefer such a

chance under ordinary conditions but I have had some very heavy expenses the last autumn & I should have to economize rather sharply for a few months to get on my legs again. Still, I can do it if it does not cost too much. What should you think the travelling & living expenses would be. Could from what he might ask for his time &c.? I should want at least eight or ten birds from the region immediately about Quebec and as many more from Newfoundland. I suppose he could get them in a month's time at longest!

Do you think he would be willing to get them at so much per skin & pay his own expenses? Of course I should expect to offer a high price something like $2. per skin for any number up to twenty or twenty five birds. If it will give you any trouble

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

March 29th 1899.

Dear Mr. Borg:—

I have come to the
Upland Plover in my Cambridge
list and I should be greatly
obliged if you would let me know
about them this year and to
talk of your plover in Watertown.
about how common are they?
Did any remain to breed?
at what season did you see them?
How did you see them? Could?
Will you also please tell me
why you think Thoreau says
wrote & legend & dotted?
Chadbourne holds the same opinion
but Judge Allen assures me that
the Cows confirms us mention
of the matter.

Sincerely Yours Edward Burroughs

Please send Plover address. Mr. Sam Hinckley lives next to Lyman address, but you said you had another. Mallard.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

April 2, 1899.

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

Mr. Agassiz thought Dr. Woodworth authorized me to offer you the position of assistant in charge of the mammal collection of the museum of Comparative Zoölogy on the following terms:-

(1) That you combine your collection of mammal skins with ours & deposit it in the museum.

(2) That you agree to loan your collection to the museum or your choice

(3) That you take official charge of the combined collection.

(4) That you have the exclusive use of the large room now Dr. Sloan used to occupy (it is of the same size as the bird room)

Of course I can't commit Dr. Woodworth.

No salary can be offered you but there will be incidental reduction of many of the expenses that you have to meet at present.. For one thing, all express & freight charges on specimens will be borne by the museum. For another, a library of books on mammals will be built up and kept in your room. Your time will be wholly your own & you will be free to come & go when you like – as I am. This is merely a rough outline of the plan. The funds of the museum have just been largely increased and we desire to make the mammal department something very different from what it was. If you are disposed to consider my proposal please come out to see me to-morrow (Monday) forenoon if you possibly can. I go to Concord in the afternoon

Yours truly
Hartley Herbert Brewster.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

June 29th, 1899.

Dear Mr. Bowyer:-

Thank you for telling me
about the Records collection.
I will lay the matter before the
museum authorities & let you know
their decision as soon as possible.
Of course I share your wish that
the collection may be secured but
I doubt if the money is available
at present.

You were most kind to think
of me in connection with those
Block Books but there will be
no one here to receive them between
July 1st & October 1st. If it be not
too late commit your package to
Messrs Dutton & Clark (409
Washington St.)!

We close our Library on July 3rd &

go to Peterboro, N.H., for the remainder of the summer. My address there will be c/o G. L. Day.

Yours sincerely
William Brewster.

Harvard gave us an honorary degree of A. M. yesterday. It was wholly unlooked for by me.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

July 1, 1899.

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

I had a talk with Dr. Woodworth yesterday about the Rhoads collection & the result is that we cannot see our way clear to doing anything about it, at least at present. The trouble is, of course, that the museum has not the money to spare for such a purpose.

Thanking you again I remain

Very sincerely
William Brewster.

~~145 Brattle Street,~~
~~Cambridge, Mass.~~

Glendale, Mass.
Sept. 7th 1899.

Dear Mr. Bangs:—

Your interesting letter of the 4th has just reached me here. It was very kind of you to take so much trouble about the Blood Drinks & I am delighted to know that your efforts in my behalf have been finally crowned with success as far as the Museum matter.

I don't wonder you feel as you do but if you were as familiar as I am with the inside workings of Museums in this country you would know that the Cambridge Museum is by no means unlike most of

the others are subject to the chronic scarcity of funds for the purchase of special collections & material. I have often heard Allen Comment the fact that he could not secure some desired collection because no money was available and at the National Museum lots of good opportunities are lost for the same reason. The Boston Society is desperately poor always & I do not believe that the Philadelphia Academy is often able to indulge in luxuries. The Columbian Museum is probably the richest of them all in ready money. Of course it is a shame to let valuable collections go to England but it cannot be helped. I am hopeful, however, that we may be able to raise a good round sum in Boston this autumn & then we should do

something for the mammal & bird departments. If we can get you & your collection I think it will be easier to raise money than it is now. Then we have good men ready to collect here as soon as proper get back in the autumn.

I should like to see you & talk it over with you but I cannot possibly do it before October as every day of my time through this month is promised somewhere. I go to North Scituate from here on the 15th - on the 18th to the Gerrys at Bethel, Maine. When I get back to Cambridge I will let you know. My house will probably be opened about October 5th & I shall return to it then for at least a few days before I go to Concord if I go to the Cotton Plain at all this year which is somewhat doubtful.

I return the letters. It is not likely that the museum will have funds in time to do anything.

Yours sincerely

William Brewster

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145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Nov. 19th 1887.

Dear Mr. Bourget:—

I wish to see you as soon as possible to talk over that newspaper matter. Cannot you come out some day this week and take lunch with me? I am keeping "Bachelor's Hall" open for you. Brownell is in New York for a week or so. I got back last night from the A.O.U. meeting at Philadelphia.

Very sincerely
William Brownell.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

November 23rd, 1899.

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

Of course I cannot say how the Committee will take your proposed change of plans but personally I consider the arrangement which you now suggest as more satisfactory than the first one was, and I shall take pleasure in offering my opinion to this effect.

I have just heard from Mr. Tolman that the Committee will meet Dec. 1st at 11 a.m. at 5 Joy Street.

Hoping that you will have a good time in Connecticut

I remain

Sincerely,
William Brooks.

Ballard, Jan. 4, 1904

Mr. Bangs,

I am not in the habit of [illegible] the [illegible] developments and [illegible] but are you not too generous to give me 20 cents a share of the profits for the discovery? I felt at first reading your letter that I could not accept it but I have decided to do so provided you really wish it strongly and it seems to you that I am entitled to it.

I have read the paper carefully

and have made a few verbal changes most of which occur on the first page. Please consider them all in the light of suggestions merely, & accept or reject them as seems to you best. The sentence on the margin of page 1 is, as you will see, an alternative suggestion to take the place of the sentence which you wrote & which I think to amend before completing the album.

By all means get the paper out as soon as possible & in Bull N. S. X. S. Of course I should be happy to stand half of any or all of yours. I wish we could have a coloured plate of the two birds but I suppose that would be a burglary!

1880.

Bethel, January 7th.

Dear Mr. Boggs;

I am glad the editor of a school paper thinks you favorably. By all means get it done by Musser & Blake if you can. I don't think there will be risk of delaying the paper two or three weeks would amount to much & a plate of that boy. Gold Hunter would be a good story. I will draw. I greatly agree & heartily disagree with you about pictures of Birds. Concerning Tinamus we are wholly in accord. I have not seen Wallis Butterfly Birds.

I am mortified to find that

I omitted to inform
Mr Hardy's Letter &
Still worse, I fear I
did not mention the
number of the Pictures in
my Last which was written
without your Letter by me
Mr Hardy Wrote me about
the Pictures (Ch Italian / Before
he died you & I Could the
words Before Dr. Woodhouselee
who thought the purchase of
the Birds would be common
in view of the fact that the
Type of the Heron is in
my collection I will
cordially go to the Museum
I doubt if Ch Italian is
really so much as we suppose

Very little collecting has been done among Presidents until very recently & it would not surprise me if scholars should turn out eventually to be common among Americans.

Yours sincerely

Julian Boyd

Cannot we in for one-half of all expenses on the Lafayette & go ahead with the Colonial plate if you think best.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

January 9th, 1900.

Dear Mr. Bangs;

I was exceedingly sorry to miss your call. I have been trying for two weeks to find an opportunity to attend a forenoon meeting over your celebration but serious trouble has arisen in a school at Wolfeboro of which I am one of the Trustees and the succession of Trustees meetings & voluminous correspondence which have resulted have taken about all my time.

Mr. Bowell had the circulars typo-written very promptly & I received & signed them within three days after the meeting at which you were present. As Mr. Pickman (who was also to sign) was away I sent them to Dr. Tolman by

Special messenger. Since then I have heard not one single word from any of the Committee. I am consequently as ignorant of what has been done as you are. I have an idea, however, that it was thought inadvisable to hold the Inauguration until the recent flurry in the Stock market was over & public confidence restored.

I shall try to attend the Conference meeting on the 10th & shall hope to find you there.

Sincerely
William Brewster.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

January 20th, 1900.

Dear Mr. Borgs;

Although I am maintaining my rule not to be engaged during my strictly literary working hours, I will make an exception in your case & will be free any morning next week. As a matter of fact I have no engagements more than usual & I can therefore be at home any morning.

I have had hard work to get a chance to shake a day with you in town to be free from interruption. But it seems impossible to get away this

are so many things here that
must be done as soon
as possible.

Yours sincerely
William Brewster.

Drop a line in advance
of your coming if you
can.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

February 21st 1900.

Dear Mr. Boyd:

Dudley Pickman has just written me that the Committee have collected $775.00 in addition to Mr. Cabot's contribution or $1775.00 in all. He seems to think that he has done about all that he can, personally; & that certain other members of the Committee whom he does not name should make greater efforts than they have done. A meeting of the Committee has just been called for the 27th

Sincerely William Brewster

Cambridge,
June 22nd 1904.

Dear Mr. Borge;

Since my return from Wembury I have been constantly "on the go" and this is really my first opportunity to tell you how much I enjoyed my visit and to thank you mother & yourself for all your kind attentions.

The plants are all living & apparently doing well. Dewar could not find Rhexia among them. He thinks the Sagittaria & Caropsis roseus are all right. The other things on your list are Utricularia Ld. Pond and Ludwigia ——? & Solidago tenuifolia. The fulcher plant is

one common species (it is the only one found in New England). The Blueberry Lily Bush with clusters white flowers was, as we suspected, Leucothoe. The green trailing vine is simply a species of Osmunda cinnamomea.

I have not found time to blow the eggs yet.

The photographs are turned out well.

What is Russell Rands address? I should like to write him about those wood thrush nest.

I hope the bird comes safely. Have I any thing that will help you about working them up? If you are likely to want any thing that my collection contains let me know & I will look them to you with care. You can keep them until we return.

Thanking you once more for the pleasant time you gave us & with kindest regards to your mother I remain very sincerely Wilmon Brewster.

~~115 Brattle Street,~~
~~Cambridge, Mass~~ Oakside,
Coos Co. N. H.
Sept. 13th 1900.

Dear Mrs. Bangs,

I am heartily glad that that matter is settled at last & that your collection will come to the museum. Of course it will be necessary to have some form of agreement prepared & executed. Before this is done I must have a talk with you. I shall be in Cambridge on Friday the 20th & I have already written Woodworth asking if he cannot arrange to have us three meet somewhere on that day to talk everything over. I shall be glad of any help that you may find time to give me on the bird collection & I am sure that we shall always be able to plan & work together in perfect peace & harmony but

if you receive a formal appointment
to the curatorship of the collection
of manuscripts as we wish and understand
you to wish you will of course have
to give them a fair share of your
attention.

I do not think that you need give
yourself the slightest uneasiness about
Howe. Everyone connected with or
interested in the museum with whom
I have talked feels as you & I do that
he is not the kind of man we want
there. Moreover, as you say, there will
be no need of anyone after you
have joined us.

I cannot remember just how many
shelves I have. But the number cannot
be more than fifty nor less than thirty.
You are welcome to all of them
but they should not be moved before
October. I can have them dug out
about Oct. 10th if you wish.

The above address will serve for letters
received up to the 20th as I shall
have until the 24th.

Cordially William Roscoe

Cambridge

Nov. 6, 1900.

Dear Mrs. Boyce,

I have just come down from Concord and find that nothing has been done about those checks. I fear it is my fault — that I forgot to say anything to the gardener about them but I have not asked him yet. Is it too late to send them to Providence now? I never have for anyone that who come from them? It is as good a train as any to make back from & they come by Hartford or a change within

I [illegible] you [illegible] work.

Sincerely
Wilhelm Bruckner.

~~145 BRATTLE STREET,~~
~~CAMBRIDGE, MASS.~~ Bethel, Me.

January 10th, 1901.

Mrs. Bangs,

Under the circumstances
you were of course right to
abandon the colored plate
of Anthurium and to go ahead
without it. As you say a
colored plate supposed to
represent the living bird but
reproducing the dull coloring of
a dried specimen is an anomaly
and I fancy many birds have
been published. The other objections,
however, are insuperable.

Please consider generally at
present Coburn to dispose
any more birds than you
can finish in our collection
this year. Our Penguin unless you can with him but
him the first. I should advise
to make one,
to send to him in exchange
for the Tanagers, Hummers
& Magpie Jay. I should like to
Mrs. Bangs. Yours truly
William Brewster

I hesitate, however, to take further advantage of your generosity in the matter of joint authorship. I have never before permitted myself to profit by work in which I have had no share & I don't think it is honest although I know it is often done by scientific men especially in Europe. On the other hand it certainly was both your for you to describe a lot of things from my division department of the Museum. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to join with you in describing them provided I can do at least a fourth part of the work & familiarize myself

with what we can suppose to
be discovery together. Cannot the
difficulty be got over for the
present by your sending me
the specimens that you find to
be new with a few of their
nearest allies as well as your
new N. S. descriptions. I can then
go over at once a part of the
ground & possibly help a little
here & there with a criticism
or suggestion. Of course I
cannot undertake to name
perfect & finish that you have
to consult Bentham
with the Synonymy, especially,
but there will probably have
to be left out of my study
of the subjects in hand, at
present as long as I am here.
After I get back I will always
be glad to
hear myself
to
as much time at the Museum

with you as may be
necessary to familiarize myself
with the facts at once in
any given case or to help you
to work it out if I can.
Now about Holcomb. You will
remember that I told you I
suspected he was with himself.
Since then I have obtained some
evidence which has practically
confirmed me that he has
been working up imported Illinois
& telling them to me as facts
that he has collected near Boston
& received from such persons.
Part of this evidence comes to
me in such a way that I
cannot divulge it, as much as
prepared; and for the present I
don't want him to know that
I contradict any suppressions about
him. Under these circumstances
I do not feel willing to have
him allowed access to the files

BETHEL,
OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE,

January 18 1904.

Dear Mr. Bangs;

Your good letter, the article on the Record and the Boy of Hennins just received. I will go over the M.S. & the Birds & - various writing & return them by the afternoon mail so that you should get them by Thursday morning. Now about Holcomb. I have written asked for not received any information from Tyson whom, indeed, I have not seen for six months or more. What I have heard comes from persons who until recently have traveled Holcomb as I have done and who is in no way

influenced by professional jealousy
Brewer has it was a tough assignment was
even, I think, a collector. He
does not find some of Ground was
due I think on both collectors
great suspicions. Mine rest partly
on the obvious impossibility of
one man - however acute a collector
he may be - getting in one year
in Eastern Massachusetts a Baltimore
Oriole, Gull-billed Tern, Wilson's
Phalarope, Clapper Rail and
Purple Gallinule, and partly on
the fact that two of these
specimens which he claims to
have shot & mounted from the
fresh bird show almost
certain evidences of having been
mounted from skins. This
is my whole case. I wanted
to straighten it before bringing
anything to Holland but
perhaps you are right and

thinking I should speak to him as soon as I return. If I do so it will be as your suggest in a friendly but kindly way. If he has really done this thing I will confess it I will gladly give him the chance to turn over a new leaf. If he has done it & denies it the matter will be left in God's hands and I shall always distrust him & he will know me. If he has not done it he will probably be able to convince me of his innocence. The worst of it is he is such a plausible fellow that I fear he will deceive me under I can produce absolute proofs of his guilt. I always hate to make charges of any kind that I cannot definitely establish & I find it impo

to impoverish to favor domain
a really clever rogue.
As for the Museum work I do
not doubt that Holland will
do it admirably & handsomely
he can be trusted, too, for it
is, in the eyes of many men,
who would not think of stealing,
no great sin to deceive on
such a matter as that
concerning the origin or other
data of a bird skin.
I should always prefer, however,
to err
on the side of charity rather
than the reverse and I am
inclined to regard your action
as, on the whole, good and
to act upon it.

Yours sincerely
William Brewster.

In the burying. How can you write?
Yours I am sorry. how all have more
or less of our admiration of Brown especially
on the ground, battle & camp. They do
not even look what when running on the Potomac

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BETHEL,
OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE,

January 16 1906.

Dear Mr. Banys;

I found it impossible to get at the proper description in time to return them by to-day's mail so I took it rather seriously & put in several hours careful work on it. I trust you will approve of the most of the changes & corrections I have made. Note especially what I have added about the "aborted second drumming" "which is characteristic of these genera". The Collin phrase is wholly a chance shot for I never heard of this woodpecker Collin's description before & it may be, for aught I know, found in other genera. The first part

If the Inventions may also require
consideration for possibly the feather
is not obtained or not a pheasant.
Now that I am really wholly in
the dark about it I should like
you to tell me the thing again if
I have hit it wrong.
I think you will find there,
as I have written, the wings
of one type are hair brown, not
black" & that the white edging
on the secondaries occurs chiefly
on the under, not inner, webs.
The Bird looks to me like a
good one from although
personally I should not have
wanted to rank it by any
thing a substitute. As to that point,
however, I can talk to you
hopefully satisfied to know it
or you have hit it.

Yours sincerely
Gilbert Burnett

OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE,

Jan. 22 1.

Dear Mr. Bourjo:

The proof came last night & goes back to Rockland to-day. He certainly improved one introduction & I am thankful it is that fourteen. I don't like either one title. If A. Taylor Pinkerton should see the "Round Hymn of Arthur & Others" or the Third. How would it answer to say "On an Old-Fashioned Hymn of Arthurs"? I have suggested this in my letter to Rockland but have left the proof unmarked.

You are very kind but I can think of nothing

thank you can do for me
at W. Give my kindest
regards to Ridgway, Brown,
& remember me to all the
others.

Sincerely
William Brewster

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

July 17th, 1902.

Dear Mr. Bangs;

I gave up all idea of describing that marsh here Cape way and you are quite welcome to go about and warn it if you see fit.

Your experience with the Broad-winged Hawks is most interesting. I had us also there nested at ~~Chatham~~ Wauhaun but I I remember regretfully Joe took several sets of their eggs in Brewster or otherwise it was he used to live down that way.

I am here for the summer

and am working [illegible] eight hours daily on my Cambridge Book. The Lower Colorado Paper is going through the press & will probably be out in August. Please give my kind regards to your mother & Edwin & me, with thanks for your good letter,

Sincerely
Hilbert Bruce

145 BRATTLE STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

I am indeed sorry to
hear inward during you yesterday.
Deane tells me that you have
informed Miss Parker as to just
what Bride Ridgway wants for
examination from the Cambridge
museum collection. I am greatly
obliged to you for so kindly taking
this trouble and will see that
the skins are forwarded to
Washington in the course of the
next few days. Some Swallows
& Titlarks went to Ridgway
yesterday from here.

How about your March Wm Hopper.

I have just read it carefully & made a few verbal changes, as I inferred you gave me permission to do. I think you have brought out all the essential points very clearly and I wish everyone who has to write on such technical subjects could make them as interesting as you have made this. In short I like the paper thoroughly & do not see how it could well be better done. I do not, however, as you know believe in the separation of the two forms and for this reason I have slightly changed the passage in which you mention my name, preferring to have you take the whole responsibility for the statements which it contains. To my eye some of the Massachusetts specimens (I have just looked at them again) do not differ at all from those from

Cambridge,
Oct. 31st 1902.

Dear Mr. Bangs;

The enclosed letter explains itself. If you will kindly take the trouble of selecting, costing & forwarding the skins I shall be greatly obliged. I would do it myself if I could but I am only a one day visitor to Cambridge & must return to Concord this afternoon. I have written Riley to the above effect.

Sincerely
Addison Brown.

Please send the skins in care of Mr. Ridgway at Nat. Mus.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

January 18th 1903.

Dear Mr. Burgess;

I had a letter the other day from a man named Burnett offering me a collection of birds & mammals made in California & largely in the "high Sierras", if I remember rightly. Not caring for the specimens I sent this letter to John B. Thayer. He wrote me (from Carlsbad) that he intends buying the birds & that if the Mus. Comp. Zool. would like the mammals he will buy & present them to us. I wish I could remember more about them. There were, I think, several hundred, chiefly small ones, all accompanied by skulls &

otherwise sentimentally attached to
him. What do you say?
Do we want them?

Sincerely
Gilbert Brandt.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

January 31st 1903.

Dear Mr. Borgs:

I wonder if it would trouble you too much the next time you go to the museum to look at our Neolithical specimens of Hissarlik & Rodosto. I promised to do so sometime ago & the more weeks that have passed since then the more I am ashamed of myself. I would attend to the matter myself but I have a pretty cold coming on which is likely to keep me housed for several days.

I had a talk with John Hooper this afternoon about your proposition. He seemed to express himself favorably & I have an idea that he will accept it

but he wishes, naturally enough,
to think it over for a few days
before coming to any definite
decision . . .

Yours sincerely
Jonathan Edwards.

I suppose that you have heard
of the death, last Thursday,
of Mrs. Jonathan Dwight Jr.
Poor Dwight! O from the flesh
will crumble home entirely.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

February 8th, 1903.

Dear Mr. Boyesen:

John Morgan has just been over and says that he has decided that it will not be wise for him to enter into the arrangement that you suggested. I am very sorry for I am sure that it would have been a good thing for you both. I think he feels that he has already enough cares & responsibilities which in a way is undoubtedly true.

Sincerely
William Brewster

Thank you for sending the books to Pomfret

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

March 9th 1903.

Dear Mr. Burgh,

I am going in town to-morrow (Monday) forenoon to attend to a business matter and I will gladly lunch with you at half-past one and talk on the Sikim opportunity.

Thank you for calling my attention to the Provincetown record of the Hooded Warbler. No doubt it relates, as you suggest, to the bird now in my collection.

Sincerely yours,
Herbert Brown.

How you read Burroughs' attack on Seton & Long in March Atlantic?

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

July 28th 1903.

Dear Mr. Boyce:

You are exceedingly kind to offer to take the trouble to submit those stories for Rudyard's but I had written him that I would do it myself (& rather Dearer had written to this effect) and I am going to the trouble of writing this afternoon to attend to it.

Your Cape Londoners must have happened upon those ones. I know I have both old and young of our own species (except young of the Sons) sitting on fences at Concord within the past few days but not in the numbers

usually went with at this season.
Our Martins seem to have suffered
the worst & I am not sure that
I ever saw any of this young
brood
one and but a friend who has
a big breeding colony at Wells, has.
tells me his birds hatched through
cold wet & those both old &
young are still present in great
numbers on the house.
I have just finished writing
an article on the feeding of
nestling birds. This for
October Ark & after my.
brethren report has been finished
I shall go. for to return work
on the introduction to the
Birds.
Cambridge
Please give my kindest regards to
your mother & believe me
Yours
Gilbert Thomson

Concord.

April 26, 1904.

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

How would you like to spend next Sunday here? It would give me great pleasure to have you do so and I think the changes here you would love best might interest you. The best train to come by on Saturday would be the 4.47 P.M. from Boston. (Buying your ticket for West Bedford when asked for Gilbert & I would meet you). You could be back in Boston by nine o'clock Monday morning if you wished. I hope you can & will come.

Sincerely

Julian Hawthorne.

Concord,

April 29, 1914.

Dear Mr. Boyd: —

I shall be delighted to have you come up for a week day if you can put it off until next after next (i.e. until the week beginning May 8th) Choose any day you like. Only let me know a few days in advance if possible. You get (mind only possible) train leave Boston at 8.17 a.m. (on the Southern Division). Bring your clothes for work Bedford & either Golbert or I will meet you there.

Sincerely,

Justin Brooks.

Tough old storm! Have known Lincoln a number of times.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

February 10, 1905.

Dear Mr. Bourne:-

Joe Thayer writes me that you know of a man who would be suited for the selection of forests at my Concord place. I am in pressing need of one and if the man of whom you spoke has not yet found a place I should like to talk with him. I must get someone by April 1 and I could perhaps get him to work coming if he is out of a place. If you think there is need of such haste please telegraph

on telephone me to-morrow
just hours & others I can
get on the more you book
in mind.

Sincerely
Arthur Bennett

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Feb. 14, 1905.

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

Thank you for your information. You mean "Sounds" as if he might be just what I want. Do come out this week - any afternoon.

Sincerely,
William Bennett.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dec. 22, 1905.

Dear Mr. Bangs:—

Many I congratulate you
Poem [illegible] Hark Out in
my Cambridge Birds! If so
please let me know [illegible]
a date of capture. As soon
[illegible] I should like
to get your reply as soon as
possible. Did you see the
other young [illegible]
[illegible]?

Yours truly,
William Brewster

Washington,
February 23rd 1905.

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

I should be glad, of course, to have you make use of my Series of Celebrated Broadsides or of anything else in the collection. You will have to make an appointment with Gilbert as he is at the Museum only part of the day. His address is R. A. Gilbert, 18 Jarvis St., Cambridgeport. Perhaps you will prefer to wait until I get back as I expect to return to Cambridge on Thursday the 2nd March. I do not expect to visit the Museum, however, before the following Monday, upon which I should be there daily & free to receive your any afternoon.

Yours sincerely,
William Bentley -

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

March 26, 1915.

Mrs. Brewster is glad to have Mr. Bangs' address and is sending him the letters for which he asks.

Dear Mr. Bangs: -

Frank P. Atkinson was for years one of my most intimate personal friends. Like most of us he began, as a boy, with eggs and then took to shooting and skinning birds which he collected in various parts of the eastern United States before going west to live - and die. By referring to a time-stained file of his letters I find that he wrote me from Swampscott on July 13, 1870; from Boston on April 11, [illegible] of that same year; from Aiken, South Carolina in March, 1870 (enclosing a list of birds noted there); from Edgartown, Mass, on July 9, 1870 and 16, 1871; from Bethlehem, N. H., on August 15, 1871; from Boston on October 1, 1871. Next in chronological order is a letter written on March 25, 1872, at Chariton, Iowa, followed by others from the same locality, the latest of which is dated November 6, 1872. This series also contains one letter written at Eagleville, Missouri, on April 28, 1872. From Los Angeles, California he wrote me first on June 17, 1873 and last on October 26 of that year. The latter

date must have been not long before that of his untimely death.

To the best of recollection and belief I was Curator of Birds at the Boston Society when the Atkinson collection was deposited there and there made every possible effort to obtain the missing data but without avail. I once doubtless had a catalogue of the skins but what became of it I never knew. He certainly collected a good many birds in eastern localities before going to Iowa. I doubt if many were obtained in California for after reaching there he was overburdened by work and also in failing health and spirits. A finer fellow or a better ornithologist for his years I never knew. His death was a great blow to me. I fear that it will now be impossible to ascertain anything definite about the origin of the specimens that are really numbered. The only chance that I can think of would be to enquire concerning the missing catalogue of George Holdridge, Atkinson's brother-in-law, with whom he lived at Charlton, Iowa, and who was still there when last I heard of him.

I greatly enjoyed my visit to the Museum last week and wish it were possible for me to go there oftener.

Sincerely Walton Brewster

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

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March 25, 1916.

Dear Mr. Bangs:

The Viscaíno Pigeon was taken by Mr. Albert Frazar on the Sierra de la Laguna, Lower California on June 2, 1887. The green tag attests that bird was a ♀.

I am glad that Maynard could supply some of the other missing data.

Can you furnish your work on the Forward Crick this week? We expect to go to Concord soon & I should like to get them sent away for the summer before then.

Yours sincerely

Wilbur Bourdon

October Farm,
Concord, Mass. April 20, 1917

Dear Mr. Bangs:

I have written to the Secretary of the Red Branch that such a letter's communication has been expected to you & that we may expect to hear from you soon concerning it. Do not forget that my heavenly eight Postmyn friends will go to the museum on every morning you pass by.

Yours heavenly
Joachim Blewitt

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

January 4. 1918

Dear Mrs. Bangs:-

I should be glad to see you here any afternoon next week to talk over the various interesting matters referred to in your letter received this morning.

Why not come to lunch with us at 1 P.M.! You would not get much less to eat than could be had elsewhere in these extraordinary times & your presence would add to our pleasure & interest.

Sincerely
Faelbaum Bancroft.

I have just been given a Crossbills' nest found last April at Marblehead!

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Jan. 16, 1915.

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

Gilbert has just type copied the Henslow Sparrow article and will take it to your home this to-day. Please look it over and then hand it to Batchelder for publication. As first composed it included a sentence acknowledging your generous share in the matter as now developed. This was finally omitted, partly because I thought you might prefer not to have it thus made known and also because the subspecific characters I have set up for the new subspecies differ somewhat from those you had in mind before we went over the birds together. Of course I shall be most glad to reinstate the omitted sentence if you so desire.

Yours Sincerely
Joseliam Brewster.

Please ask Batchelder to let me see proof sheets.

X

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

December 24, 1918.

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

I shall be glad to have you bring over the birds almost any day after Christmas except Saturday next, for which I have made ~~a~~ afternoon engagement.

Yours sincerely

Hallowell Bradstreet.

Lakeside, Coos Co.,
N. H.

Dear Mr. Bangs:-

Your letter, after many wanderings, has just reached me here. If you write again the above is my correct address.

Now about the mammals. I have read your letter to my guides both of whom are active & observant trappers. One of them has skinned a good many birds and a few small mammals for me. With a little practice I think he would learn to

make fair mounted skins but he will need coaching. I will start him on Squirrels which I am here and you can coach him by letter afterwards. He and the other guide always trap together & they can get you anything that the region affords.

The only hitch is about prices. They want you to let them know what you are willing to give for the different mammals which you have named. Of course they will expect more for the valuable furs than the regular market price as they will have first the extra trouble of making up the skins, using arsenic etc. and then the extra weight & bulk to bring

out of the woods. Their trapping is mainly done on the mountains two or three days tramp from home.

For such animals as Otter, Fisher, and Skunks they think they ought to have from one to two dollars each above the market value of the flat skin & this seems to me reasonable enough.

The smaller & worthless mammals will be of course much cheaper. They say they can get you a large number of Weasels as these animals are continually getting into their Sable & Fisher traps. I suggested fifty to twenty-five cents for Weasel skins & they said this would satisfy them.

I mention these prices

merely for your guidance. You had better make out a full list of everything that you want & asking prices. There is plenty of time as there men will not begin operations before Oct. 25th.

You had better correspond with James Bernier, Upton, Oxford Co., Maine as he is the better letter writer of the two.

Late in the season if you wish some of the larger mammals might be safely frozen & sent to you in the flesh.

I am having very good Black Duck & Snipe shooting. Weather superb.

Sincerely
William Brewster.